

ABSENTEE VOTING

WHO MAY VOTE ABSENTEE

Any registered voter in North Carolina may request to vote an absentee ballot by mail or in person at the county board of elections.

APPLYING BY MAIL

To apply for an absentee ballot by mail, send a written request to your county board of elections with the following information:

- Name (printed and signed)
- Residential address
- Address to which you want ballot mailed
- Date of birth
- Telephone number (or contact number)

You may submit your request no later than the Tuesday prior to Election Day. The request can be made by the voter, a near relative or verifiable legal guardian.

Upon receipt of your request, the county board of elections will send you an absentee ballot, an application on a container-return envelope and instructions for completing the ballot.

VOTING YOUR ABSENTEE BALLOT

You should mark your ballot(s) following the instructions provided by your county board of elections.

After your ballot is marked, place it inside the container-return envelope and seal it. Complete the application printed on the container-return envelope.

You must mark your absentee ballot and sign the certification on the container-return envelope in the presence of two other persons who are at least 18 years of age and are neither your employers nor agents thereof, nor are owners nor employees of a care facility in which you are a resident. Both witnesses must sign the container-return envelope.

RETURNING YOUR ABSENTEE BALLOT

Your voted absentee ballot must be returned to the county board of elections no later than 5:00 p.m. on the day before the elections by mail or commercial courier service at the voter's expense or delivered in person by the voter, the voter's near relative or verifiable legal guardian.

Once your ballot has been returned to the board of elections, it may not be withdrawn. If your ballot has not been returned and your circumstances change, you may vote at your polling place on election day.

ONE-STOP ABSENTEE VOTING

You may choose to vote an absentee ballot in-person at your county board of elections office no sooner than the third Thursday prior to the election and no later than 1:00 p.m. the Saturday before the election.

You will complete an application and vote an absentee ballot while at the county board office.